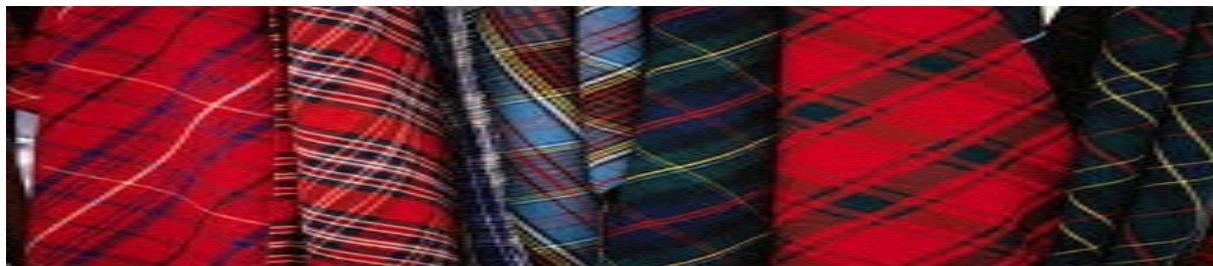


November Tartan Talk



Dear Families,

We welcome November at the church in a colorful way by celebrating our Scottish Heritage Sunday. Come join us in worship **today!** There will be tartans, bagpipes, and our Guest Preacher-The Reverend Peter Sutton from Scotland. Of course, in true Scottish style, we will have scones, cookies and more at our Scottish reception. Come and worship!

We had a wonderful time at the FALL FEST last weekend, hosted by our youth and their leaders! There were games, prizes, a cake walk, a "stump an Elder" table, pizza, and even a costume parade. The winners got a skeleton trophy... they were spooky (lighted ghost) and wise (Colonel Sanders). Watch for opportunities for more family fun as we grow in our faith and as members of our wonderful First (Scots) church family. Blessings to you all!

Joyfully,

Suzy

Jesus said, *"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them; for to them belongs the kingdom of heaven."* Matthew 19:14



THE TURKEY'S are coming!

Thornwell Home for Children turkeys will handed out at Sunday School next Sunday to give children plenty of time to collect quarters before Thanksgiving! If your child misses Sunday School and

needs one, stop by and see me- I have extras! Please encourage your children to earn a quarter every time they do something special for a neighbor or for someone or something in the community. All donations will be sent to Thornwell Home for Children in Clinton, SC. As a family, consider looking up Thornwell Home for Children (Thornwell.org) and read about the wonderful ministry and love they provide for children in need. Knowing more about the work they will give the earning of quarters special meaning. What a great way to gather the family together during this busy season and do something for someone else! Happy TURKEY days ahead...

The turkeys will be collected

Sunday, December 5th

HIGHLIGHTING...

November 6	Patriotic Night	Genesis 1:31
November 13	Western	Psalm 138
November 20	Thanksgiving	Psalm 23:2
November 27	NO KIRK CLUB	Happy Thanksgiving!



- Kirk Club begins at 3:30pm on Wednesdays with play time on the playground or homework time, inside!
- Kirk Club Kids range from 3 years old-Middle School
- Kirk Club is run by a great group of volunteers made of parents, grandparents, and church family! **THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!**
- Chef Nancy cooks dinner for Kirk Club using a special menu just for Kirk Kids!
- Every week we are grateful for our leaders: **Laura Anne Moore, Kinsey Gidick, and Emily Topham.** They do a fabulous job at keeping things running smoothly

and oh, so well!

- Kirk Club is a great way to learn about the Bible, outreach opportunities in our community, worship skills, build relationships, and have fun with friends!

Sunday Morning 10am Sunday School for Children and Youth



Children

2-3 Year Olds: Meet on the first floor of the Massie Building.

K4-K5's: Meet on the first floor of the Massie Building.

1st-2nd Grades: Meet on the third floor of the Massie Building.

3-5th Grades: Meet on the third floor of the Massie Building.

All of these classes use DWELL curriculum.

Youth

6th and 7th Grades: Meet on the second floor and study Dwell Dive Curriculum by Faith Alive.

8th grade/Confirmation Class: Meets on the second floor and study the We Believe: Professing our Faith curriculum by the PC(USA).

High School: Meet on the first floor of the Kirk House and use Feasting on the Word curriculum and guest speakers for class discussion.





GOD'S GIFT SHOP, our alternative Christmas Market, is opening December 1st. There is a special catalog prepared for the children of the church! We will have plenty available through Sunday School, Kirk Club or in Suzy's office. Come spread the joy and hear how God might be calling you to share God's love this Christmas in alternative ways! Consider giving a gift that keeps on giving!

Note: These make the best teacher, coach, mentor, neighbor or family gifts!

Here is a special message from Dr. Rick Reed... "God's Gift Shop is ready for you. No one is a better Christmas shopper than a young person who loves giving something that most of their friends don't have – a Llama, a goat, chickens, baby lamb, etc. The smile on the Christmas gift recipient when they get something cool that someone in need will feed and care for is unmatched."

Sneak Peek at something fun... for the whole family!

JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM



During Advent, First (Scots) is setting out on a journey! Together, we will go with Mary and Joseph – to Bethlehem. We've got some miles to cover; did

you know it is 6,291 miles from Charleston, SC to Bethlehem, Israel? We want everyone to be a part of our journey to Bethlehem by Christmas. In following the theme for our educational year, Footprints of Faith- What mark will you leave? You are invited to walk, run, skip, bike, paddle, study, pray or worship your miles with everyone else. We'll track our miles on a map, have weekly updates, and encourage each other every step of the way!

When will it happen?

The First Sunday of Advent- Christmas Day

How will it work?

As you go about your daily life, faithfully exercising and living as you do, we ask that you keep track of your "miles". Our goal is twofold. We want our church family to continually and intentionally look after the bodies and minds God has given us and we want to encourage each other to exercise and study *together*. Will you join us in being intentional on our faith journey this Advent and help us arrive in Bethlehem this Christmas for the birth of Christ?



Special note for women...

One of the special women mentors in my life is **Griselda Lartey**! You won't want to miss the opportunity to meet her and hear some words of wisdom from this woman who loves the Lord. Griselda and I met at Columbia Theological Seminary- and our friendship has continued to grow over the years. She prayed me through my three years of seminary while Bart and I were both in school full time

and raising two young children. Yes, she's a SAINT. Come join us for a day of studying God's Word, Sabbath rest, and renewal!

Women's Day Retreat: Saturday, January 11, 2020

The First (Scots) Seeking Sabbath Retreat invites us to find an oasis that provides refreshment for the body, mind and soul. Come take a break from the ordinary and experience God in a new light as Griselda and Suzy lead us in exploring ways to weave a Sabbath rhythm of rest and reconnection into our busy lives.

SEEKING SABBATH Retreat

Co-facilitators: Griselda Lartey and Suzy Edwards

Saturday, January 11, 2020

9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Charleston Marriott (170 Lockwood Blvd)

Cost is \$50 and includes a delicious on-site lunch.

Space is limited, so reserve your place today by filling out a registration form and sending payment to Julie Smith at 610 Bootlegger Lane James Island, SC 29412. The registration form is available on the church's website or you can request a hard copy.

Questions? Contact Julie Smith at 203-273-5414 or julienne49@gmail.com, or Pam Green 843-901-9312 or mrsonecall@hotmail.com.

****Registration Deadline is December 4.**

The Marriott is offering a special room rate for anyone who would like to extend the retreat and spend the night. To take advantage of this special room rate, call Marriott Reservations at 1-800-228-9290 and tell them you are with First (Scots).

Enjoy fall and praise God for this new season!